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FUROR OVER AND CONFUSION ABOUT ALLEGED KISSINGER
AND SONNENFELDT STATEMENTS IN US POLICY TOWARDS
EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION, WITH IMPLICATIONS
FOR EUROPE, AND PARTICULARLY SPAIN, HAVE SPLASHED ACROSS
ALL MAJOR SPANISH NEWSPAPERS. TABLOID SYNDICALIST
PUEBLO FRONT PAGED HEADLINES CALLING KISSINGER'S
REMARKS "AN EXPLOSIVE REPORT." MORE BALANCED AND CALM
REPORTAGE APPEARED IN MONARCHIST ABC, ROMAN CATHOLIC
YA, AND LIBERAL, INDEPENDENT INFORMACIONES. EXCERPTS
FROM ARRIBA'S VITUPERATIVE FELIX ORTEGA PROMPTED
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
NORTH AMERICAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS TO GO OUT
OF HIS WAY TO EXPRESS TO THE EMBASSY HIS DISTASTE FOR
STORY HANDLING. HE TERMED HEADLINE--A SUPPOSED QUOTE
BY KISSINGER OF "SPANIARDS, POLITICAL SAVAGES" --
AS ENTIRELY UNJUSTIFIED BY CONTENT OF SECRETARY'S
STATEMENT. MOREOVER, HE DID NOT REGARD KISSINGER'S
STATEMENTS AS A CRITICISM OF SPAIN.

EXCERPTS FROM ORTEGA'S VICIOUS DIATRIBE FOLLOW:

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"IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT A PERSON BORN AND RAISED IN EUROPE WOULD SO DISOWN THE OLD WORLD. TOPICS MANIAS AND POLITICAL OVERSIMPLIFICATIONS SUMMARIZE THE STATE OF OPINION OF THE SECRETARY ABOUT EVENTS OF A EUROPE REDUCED BY KISSINGER TO THE ROLE OF NURSEMAID FOR THE UNITED STATES."

"IN THE LONDON MEETING (KISSINGER) DEDICATED TO KG SPANIARDS THE CUSTOMARY HISTORIC PIROPO (FLATTERY) TERMING US POLITICAL SAVAGES, NOT CAPABLE OF LIVING TOGETHER. IT'S VERY USEFUL FOR MADRID TO KNOW WHAT THE SECRETARY REALLY THINKS OF THE PENINSULA."

"THE SECRETARY SAYS THAT SPAIN IS WITNESSING THE GROWTH IN INFLUENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HE MUST HAVE SPIES IN CARABANCHEL (PRISON ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MADRID) BECAUSE THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS STILL ILLEGAL AND WON'T HOLD UP TO THE SIMPLISTIC COMPARISON THE SECRETARY MAKES."

"KISSINGER DOESN'T DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT BRANDS OF COMMUNISM, TO WHOM "IT DOESN'T MATTER A WHIT WHETHER CUNHAL OF PORTUGAL IS PRO-MOSCOW, STALINIST, OR INDEPENDENT. THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS TO HIM IS IF THIS COULD RESULT IN ISOLATIONISM FOR THE UNITED STATES. NOR DOES NATO MATTER."

"THE ONLY APT POLICY FOR WASHINGTON, THE BEST FOR ALL WESTERN COUNTRIES, WASN'T MENTIONED AT ALL IN LONDON. THE STIMULATION OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION CAME TO THE FORE ONLY INDIRECTLY, ONLY WHEN KISSINGER WIELDED THE FAILURE OF THAT INTEGRATION AS AN OPPORTUNE AND CONVENIENT ELEMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES."

SYNDICALIST PUEBLO'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT, JOSE MARIA CARRASCAL DELINEATES THE MAJOR POINTS ASCRIBED TO SONNENFELDT AND THEN CONCLUDES: "WHAT EMERGES (FROM THE REPORT) IS THE DICHOTOMY OF AMERICAN POLICY ON EASTERN EUROPE, CONFIRMING WHAT MANY OF US SUSPECTED: THAT PEACE IN EUROPE OVER THE LAST THIRTY YEARS HAS BEEN SUSTAINED WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE TACIT SURRENDER BY THE COUNTRIES OF THE EAST TO MOSCOW. THIS IS THE PRICE OF STABILITY ON THE CONTINENT. AND IT IS EQUALLY CERTAIN THAT NOTHING APPALS THE KREMLIN MORE THAN THE LOSS OF CONTROL OF THEM, UP TO THE POINT THAT IT WOULD BE DISPOSED TO BRING OUT THE TANKS, AS IT DID IN PRAGUE."

"THE RESULT IS A DICHOTOMY BETWEEN WHAT WASHINGTON

SAYS WITH REGARD TO EASTERN EUROPE AND WHAT IT DOES. IT
DECLARES ITSELF IN FAVOR OF LIBERATING THEM, BUT IT HAS A
POLICY IN THE DIRECTION OF NOT DESTABILIZING THE PRESENT
SITUATION."

"HOWEVER, THE THING THAT DISGUSTS AMERICANS MOST
IS READING THAT "THE SOVIET UNION IS EMERGING AS AN
IMPERIAL SUPERPOWER, AND THERE IS NO WAY TO AVOID IT."
PLACED IN THE PEN OF THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE,
WITH ALL ANALYSIS BEARING THE KISSINGER IMPRINT, THE
REACTION OF THIS COUNTRY IS TO ASK ITSELF: OUGHT WE
TO GET USED TO THE IDEA OF BEING SECOND? THAT'S ONE
OF THE REASONS WHY KISSINGER, WHO KNOWS PERHAPS TOO
MUCH HISTORY TO BE A POLITICIAN, IS CONDEMNED."
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